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proper for Minister Willis to have thus expressed himself, and they do not believe he made the statements attributed to him. The council and department

of state police personnel, not expecting any news from Hanoi this morning and the Associated Press telegram from Port Townsend giving no hint, continued to be received from the state department. Minister Willis had apparently not thought it worth while to entrust dispatches to the Kishinev.

It is probable that when the news is not accessible and the impression was conveyed that the administration is neither disappointed at the manner in which Willis had acted nor influenced by the incident. It is evident the state department has received to the last minute the Hanoi news that Willis had determined to defer carrying out his orders until he had received word from the government. It is a fair presumption that the reverse entire Corwin carries to him the further instructions for the day's work. This is the opinion of the president's secretary.

Referring to Hanoi was written after the additional instructions to Willis had been dispatched. This paragraph may be taken to reflect the state of mind of the president's secretary to this it will be clearly seen whether dumb or apprehensive Minister Willis may have expressed of the necessity of carrying out his instructions.

President Cleveland had not lost any of his hesitancy. In the course of the Bismarck investigation and the justice of the punishment is likely to be decided that the new instructions are a recognition of the state of affairs.

An Associated Press representative received today from a certain source an ultimatum to the state department to be given to Hanoi. The extent of the ultimatum intended to be imposed in behalf of the president at Hanoi.

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by the Alamosa.

Hawaiian Minister Thurston was m
at home this morning.

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONGRESS

MEETS IN THE HISTORIC CHURCH IN AUGUSTA, GA.

Some of the Most Distinguished Ba
tists in the Country in
Attendance.

By Associated Press.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 5.—The eleventh
annual session of the National Baptist co
gress convened at Aqueduct tonight in t
First Baptist church. The convene
common historic landmark for the baptis
from the fact that the Southern Baptist
vention was organized within its walls
thence as in attendance on the centenn
birthday of some of the most distinguished
baptists in the country, and church a

THE FIRE RECORD.

AT ABILENE.
Recorded in the Gazette.

Albino, Tex., Dec. 5.—The residence of H. W. Gilmore Sharp, a ranchman, a capitalist, and one of the most handsome in the city, was totally destroyed by fire together with all of its contents at 10 o'clock this morning. Origin unknown. Loss, \$50,000. Insurance on build-

\$2400; on contents, \$3000. The residence of J. G. Lowden, president of the Adeline National bank, burning the Sharp property, was badly damaged by the fire. The roof was burned off and also one side of the building, while the interior was gut with water. Insurance on building, \$2500; on contents, \$1500. Heroic superhuman efforts of the fire department was fought like demons, concluding it would have been a terrible conflagration.

GIN AND COTTON BURNED.
Special to the Gazette.
Nacodoches, Tex., Dec. 5.—P. J. H.
the five miles from here, burned

FIRE AT DALLAS.
Special to the Gazette.
Dallas, Tex., Dec. 5.—A fire, which

lost out at 11:30 tonight, destroyed Commodore Car company's station, 214th Street, near New Main. The station, in East Dallas. Two motor cars and twenty motor bikes, including a bus, with all property burned, of about \$25,000.

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